MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI:

"I beg to move that the business of the House be adjourned for the purpose of discussing a matter of urgent public importance namely, the serious situation brought about by the decision of the Government of India to arbitrarily reduce the price of Travancore rubber to Rs. 77-5-0 per 100 lbs. with effect from February 1946 while fixing and guaranteeing the price of Ceylon rubber at Re 1 per lb. until September 1946, and the consequent suffering and irreparable loss which the rubber growers of Travancore are put to.

That will be moved the day after tomorrow:

MOTIONS UNDER 66 A FACILITATING HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA

RAJYASEVANIRATA S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Deputy President*): Sir, it is with profound pleasure and pride that I rise to move the following resolution standing in my name:—

"This Assembly begs to place on record its feelings of profound joy on the conferment of the distinguished title of G. C. S. I. on His Highness the Maharaja by His Majesty the King Emperor and to convey its loyal and respectful facilitations to His Highness on the happy occasions."

Honourable Members of this House are aware that His Highness the Maharaja was honoured by His Majesty the King Emperor in the New Year Honours by the conferment upon His Highness of the high and distinguished title of Grand Commander of the Star of India. The receipt of the news was the occasion for universal rejoicing throughout the length and breadth of this country. We, the representatives of the people deem it a great privilege to be allowed to convey our respectful felicitations to His Highness on the conferment of the honour. It will be an act of supererogation on my part to recount the remarkable achievements of His Highness the Maharaja during his period of rule. But it is due to us to say that several acts of an epoch-making nature have been crowded into His Highness' regime acts which have evoked the love and esteem of not only the millions who are the subjects of His Highness the Maharaja, and of the people of India but of the whole world; acts of a transcendental nature which have elevated his Highness to the level of a world figure worthy of universal adoration and veneration. His Highness' one preoccupation has been how best to advance the happiness and wellbeing of His Highness' subjects politically, socially and economically. By these acts His Highness has won a permanent place in the hearts of the people of Travancore.

The Royal House of Travancore has been one of the most ancient allies of the British Crown and His Highness the Maharaja has maintained unimpaired the traditions of loyalty and friendship to the British Crown. True to the traditions of the Royal House of Travancore, when the war broke out in 1939, His Highness the Maharaja placed all the resources of the State at the disposal of His Majesty the King Emperor, in men, material and money and His Highness gave a notable lead not only to the people of Travancore but to the Princes and people of India. The people of Travancore stood solidly behind His Highness in furthering the war efforts of India. The conferment of this distinguished honour on His Highness the Maharaja is

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